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To
Dy-Conservator of Forest,
Sironcha Forest Division,
Sironcha

Subject :- Diversion of 132.102 ha of forest land in favor of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways through National Highway Division of PWD Gadchiroli for Upgradation to 2 lane with paved shoulder configuration of Sakoli-Gadchiroli-Allapalli-Sironcha road of NH- 353 C (Stretch :- Zimela Nallha to Sironcha) in Gadchiroli District in the State of Maharashtra.

Regarding :- Stage - II approval under FCA (Compliance of EDS)

Reference :-

1. Your office letter No. कक्ष - ३(२)/स-१/551 dated 30/07/2025.
2. APCCF & Nodal officer of forest letter No. Desk-47/FCA-S2/PID-118805/Gadchiroli/1016 dated 29/07/2025
3. CCF Gadchiroli letter No. कक्ष -2(8)/जमीन/ प्र. क्र. 467(1)/2025/जा क्र. 1414 dated 29/07/2025.
4. MoEFCC letter No. FC-III/MH-51/2022/NGP/14515 date 24/07/2025
5. MoEFCC letter No. FC-III/MH-51/2022/NGP/14523 date 24/07/2025
6. MoEFCC letter No. FC-III/MH-51/2022/NGP/11068 date 30/01/2023
7. MoEFCC letter No. FC-III/MH-51/2022/NGP/13806 date 05/12/2024
8. CCF Gadchiroli letter No. कक्ष -2(8)/जमीन/ प्र. क्र. 467/2023/423 dated 08/05/2023.
9. APCCF & Nodal officer of forest letter No. कक्ष-१७/नोडल/२०२५-२६/३५५ dated 19/05/2025
10. This office letter No. 1811/Tech/PO/2025 dated 25/06/2025

With reference to the mentioned subject, the EDS raised by IRO MoEFCC Nagpur vide his letter under reference [Ref. No. 4 & 5] which is communicated by DCF Sironcha vide letter under reference [Ref. No. 1, 2 & 3] to the undersigned, citing letter of IRO MoEFCC dated 24/07/2025 [Ref. No. 4 & 5].

In the IRO's letter at para 3, it is mention that "in order to further amend the condition number 'xi', the approval from REC will be required", which required cogent justification and requested to provide detail justification for exemption along with comments of CWLW.

In this regard it is submitted that, proposal for diversion of 132.102 Ha was submitted by this office for the work of upgradation of road from Zimela Nallah to Sironcha and Stage - 1 permission was granted vide letter under reference [Ref. No. 6 & 7] and the working permission was granted by CCF Gadchiroli vide letter under reference [Ref. No. 8] on date 08/05/2023.

In the meeting of SBWL dated 17/04/2025 the clarification on requirement of NBWL clearance was given which was communicated by Nodal Forest Officer Maharashtra vide letter dated 19/05/2025 [Ref. No. 9].

As per observations of SBWL's 24th meeting, the SBWL decided to accept only tiger corridors as delineated in NTCA's report "Connecting tiger populations for long term conservation" in 2014-15 and as per the GIS data pertaining to Tiger Reserves Protected Areas and corridors available under Decision Support System (DSS) on the website of NTCA.

In the letter under reference [Ref. No: 9], at para number 4 it is also mentioned that forcing any agency/project to obtain wildlife clearance for the areas not falling in Tiger Corridor Atlas Map approved by NTCA published in 2014 will cause injustice and it will adversely affect the socioeconomic development of that area.

In the instant project stretch, there is only one location, where the tiger corridor as per DSS on website of NTCA as identified by User Agency is crossing the road. Therefore, only this location will require clearance of wildlife board. The independent proposal for wildlife clearance in this stretch already initiated (Parivesh Id :- WL/MH/ROAD/463717/2024).

As there exist no Tiger Corridor in the stretch of 132.102 Ha (Zamela Nallah to Sironcha) proposal after the directions in meeting dated 17/04/2025 and as per letter received from Nodal Forest Officer letter dated 19/05/2025, the User Agency feels that there is no requirement for construction of wildlife mitigation structures in the proposal of 132.102 Ha. On this background the User Agency in his compliance of terms and conditions mentioned in Stage - 1 approval requested to exempt the condition number 'xi' vide letter under reference [Ref. No. 10],

Pursuant to para number 6 in letter under reference received from IRO MoEFCC Nagpur dated 24/07/2025 [Ref. No. 4]. It is submitted that the User Agency has identified Tiger Corridors from the KML/KMZ file available on DSS of NTCA Website. The existence of Tiger Corridor in Chainage form km 271+820 to km 279+500 (Start point - Lat 19° 5'3.90"N, Long 80° 6'17.13"E; End Point - Lat 19° 4'19.33"N, Long 80° 4'28.06"E). The User Agency has already initiated the independent proposal for wildlife clearance (Parivesh Id :- WL/MH/ROAD/463717/2024). And therefore, User Agency is not undertaking any upgradation/ development work in these stretches of Tiger Corridor unless the approval is obtained from NBWL. Only maintenance works are being undertaken in such corridor areas till the approval from NBWL is received, though it is a part of upgradation project.

It is once again requested on behalf of User Agency to consider the request for exemption of condition number 'xi' & 'xiv' in stage - 1 approval & shall be recommended for Stage - II approval.

The compliance submitted herewith for necessary action.


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Copy to :-

1. APCCF & Nodal officer Forest Nagpur - For kind information & N/action.
2. APCCF & CWLW Nagpur - For kind information & N/action.
3. S. E. National Highway Nagpur - For kind information.
4. CCF(T) Gadchiroli - For kind information.
5. Sub Divisional Engineer, National Highway Sub-Division Dhanora Hq. Chandrapur - For information and necessary action.